

orange is going to
start going bad
and it'll end up

simply being thrown
out and i'll never
know what it would've

been like to eat
and i'll have to
forgive myself this

FAITHFULLY

i was telling
z earlier on
the phone

that i always
drink on an empty
stomach and

that for me that
is the secret for
getting the most

out of drinking
that if you drink
while eating then

you just end up
drinking too much
for the day without

getting too much
out of it except
maybe some good

conversation
which of course
is fine

in itself
but i'm after
the poem

conversation
i can take
or leave

i drink only
for the poem
faithfully

I'M TELLING YOU

please let me get
up from this bed
i have an early

day tomorrow and
i must get home
to sleep

and stop trying to pin
me down i know just
how much stronger you

are than i am
and stop trying to put
my penis back in you

can't you see how limp
and exhausted it is
and it has been informed

of my need to rise at
dawn so it is just as
anxious as i am to be

out the door and down
the road so please
stop sitting on me with your

godforsaken heavy ass
which probably doesn't have to
get up until noon

THE SPIDER PLANT

the spider plant hanging
in the bedroom
window

has gone
out of its mind
having

grown excessively wild
reaching towards
the center of the room

and
filling the window
with baby spider plants

so many on one
plant i've never
seen before

so i'm happily blessed
with a big family
that never cries

QUAIL

quail in my
parent's back
yard

two quail
one female
one male

and my parents
put out morsels
of bread

and the quail
come close
to

the house
next to the
solar room

under the locust
and my parents
in their seventies

sit there
eating ice cream
watching quail

eating bread

ASPARAGUS

day spent
in cairo

working in
my father's

garden
and the sun

so intense
at times

we had to
step into the shade

of a large locust
and at one point

my mother brought
out some cold

orange juice
went back in

with an apron
filled with

asparagus

ATE BIRD

ate bird
today

first time
in a long time

ate bird
with my parents

they like to eat bird
and so do i

but it was the first time
in a long time

as i said
for eating bird

the three of us
ate bird

with stuffing
and i took some bird

home with me
so tomorrow night

i can have leftover bird